

TKE

University temporarily sanctions Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity

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Following the recent alleged sexual assault at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house, sanctions have been passed down to the TKE chapter and the investigation has progressed.

Sunday, Nov. 1, University Police had reports of an alleged sexual assault at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house. This was the fifth alleged sexual assault associated with Greek Life at Northwest in the last eight months and the second for TKE in that time. The University and Maryville Public Safety have both moved forward with separate and cooperative investigations and have taken the first steps.

Northwest President John Jasinski, Ph.D., sent an email to faculty and staff of the University discussing the sexual assault. He discussed the situation itself

and how the University was responding to it.

“Our response was swift and is ongoing. Maryville Public Safety is involved and, we are following our Title IX procedures, which are posted at www.nwmissouri.edu/facts/titleix.htm,” Jasinski said.

“We issued a letter to the TKE chapter Monday, outlining interim measures being taken against the chapter. Those measures suspend the chapter and prohibit members from organizing any meetings and hosting socials or other activities in the name of their chapter. Those measures will remain in effect until we receive the findings of a separate investigation looking into potential violations of Greek Life policies and procedures.”

Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Mark Langemach elaborated on what these temporary pun-

ishments mean for TKE.

“TKE is currently not participating in our community until further notice,” Langemach said. “This means that it is unable to hold any event. Period. TKE is not able to attend IFC meetings, or turn in judicial board applications. TKE is also not able to attend the greek scholarship banquet (Wednesday). The fraternity has been suspended.”

While the university continues its Title-IX and Greek investigations, Maryville Public Safety has continued forward with the criminal investigation. According to an article ran by the Maryville Daily Forum, Maryville Public Safety has questioned a suspect after the alleged victim sent officers to the wrong person.

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Northwest student teacher Arianne Bredlow teaches third grade math at Eugene Field Elementary School.

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Missouri teacher’s qualifications face changes

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Educational Program sets New Requirements for Candidates

Students majoring in education may now experience a more difficult track.

Recently, the state of Missouri

has started to make the requirements harder for candidates to become teachers. The Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) is the umbrella term for all the different assessments candidates have to pass before they become an official teacher.

The first step to being admitted to the teacher education program is passing two different assessments: the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA) and the Missouri Educator Profile (MEP).

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Student behind terrorist threats arrested

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A former associate Sigma Tau Gamma member was arrested Nov. 11, for making terrorist threats against Northwest on social media.

Connor B. Stottlemire, 19, from Blue Springs was responsible for two violent threats on Yik Yak.

University police received reports of two threats on social media claiming to shoot students on campus.

The first threat posted Nov. 5 said, “I love evil, I just want to shoot up H&P. They’re bullies, especially in Hudson.” Followed by a comment that said, “I’m going to once I get enough money to buy a gun.”

The second threat posted Nov. 10 said, “I’m gonna shoot any black people tomorrow, so be ready.”

The investigation of the threats is ongoing. Police Chief Clarence Green said University Police are investigating several factors surrounding the threats such as whether Stottlemire had



CONNOR B. STOTTELMIRE

weapons or not and whether he had any accomplices. Charges against Stottlemire are pending.

After the first threat was posted, Green said there was no emergency notification sent out because the threats were not seen as an immediate threat to campus. However, after seeing the behavior repeated, an emergency notification was sent following the second threat.

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Armed robbery under investigation

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Maryville Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at the City Star convenience store at Main and Torrance.

The convenience store was robbed Monday, Nov. 10. There are no suspects in custody at this time.

The press release from Maryville Public Safety described the subject as a black male, 5’6” – 6’0” wearing dark colored hoodie with white or silver sides, dark sweat pants or wind pants, and a white bandana mask. He was armed with a handgun, possibly semi-automatic. The press release also stated that the subject approached the store on foot

from the west and fled in the same direction.

The subject left the convenience store with an undisclosed amount of cash and a small amount of merchandise.

Wood said that Maryville Public Safety is still investigating the incident and will move forward accordingly as more information is uncovered.

“It is still under investigation so unfortunately we are limited in what we can say,” Wood said. “...We are collecting any and all information that we can and moving forward with what we have.”

Wood said at this time there is no more information available to the public.

Kansas City hospitality on display during Royals parade

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For the second year in a row, the Kansas City Royals made it to the World Series. The difference this year is that the team won it all. What did not change, however, is the grace with which fans watched this team both win and lose.

Last year, articles that littered Facebook walls after the Royals faced their final defeat of the season at home. One popular example is a letter written by a San Francisco Giants fan to the Kansas City Star.

This article raved about the hospitality, positivity and friendliness of the Royals fans toward Giants fans, despite just watching their favorite team lose to the Giants at home. Win or lose, Royals baseball seems to bring out the best in Kansas City natives. The good nature and good spirits continued in Kansas City this year in a far more celebratory fashion as the city stood in the Power and Light District of Downtown KC to watch the boys in blue bring home the crown.

Immense pride in the Kansas City area was felt that night. Northwest sophomore Samantha Backhus attended the festivities and said she

loved her experience.

“It was like nothing I had ever seen before. People were running through the streets and blaring their music, all while managing to give anyone they came across a high five.”

Power and Light was not the only place where KC natives came together to create this atmosphere. Simply driving down the interstate toward the downtown area brought excitement into the air. Sophomore Abby Mattson was driving downtown from Olathe, Kansas.

“People were passing each other, but only to roll their window down, many of them sporting Royals flags, to cheer to other drivers,” Mattson said. “It was like people couldn’t help but share their excitement with the people who share their city.”

The celebration did not end Sunday night. While classrooms on campus were unusually empty, 800,000 people flooded the streets of downtown Kansas City to celebrate the win. Derek Foster was one of the many Northwest students who returned to KC to watch the parade, which was occurring for the first time in most of our lives.

“The passing of each player and

then capping off with manager Ned Yost hoisting the commissioner’s trophy was a sight like that of warriors returning from battle. 800,000 smiling faces in every direction was unlike anything else I could have ever imagined,” Foster said.

These celebrations were spectacular in every meaning of the word. They were large, well-planned and even more flawlessly executed. As Kansas City came together last week, all of the fans showed their true colors.

Just like last year, articles began to circulate again, still speaking true to the character of the beloved Kansas City natives. Instead of being gracious in the loss, this time Kansas City was orderly and respectful in the wake of a huge win. These new articles spoke to the fact that all of these celebrations went smoothly, without major issues such as rioting and violence.

An article from Breitbart said that of the estimated 800,000 people who attended the parade, there were only three arrests as of 4:30 p.m. For the past week, students across campus have been dripping with pride for their hometown as Kansas City was put under the national spotlight.



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Children of all ages were up on shoulders of loved ones in hopes to see their hometown heroes during the World Series parade Nov. 3 in downtown Kansas City.

Leader appointed as official County Clerk

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Almost two months ago, the County Clerk for Nodaway County, Beth Walker, turned in her resignation unexpectedly. Walker was the County Clerk since 2003 and put in her resignation to spend more time with her family and soon-to-be-born grandchild.

With the vacancy, Gov. Jay Nixon had to appoint someone to fill the position for the time being. Nixon appointed Karen Leader as the intern County Clerk. Previously, Leader was the Nodaway County Commission Deputy where she worked under Walker for the past 12 years.

This past week, Gov. Nixon officially appointed Leader to become the official County Clerk. Leader was very excited to have the appointing process over with.

“I’m really excited to be officially appointed because it is a new experience and it’s pretty cool learn-

ing all the new stuff,” Leader said. “It’s been really busy, so I’m happy the appointing process is over.”

Gov. Nixon was very confident when making the official appointment of County Clerk.

“Karen Leader is familiar with the operations of the Clerk’s office and will be able to transition from her interim status to becoming the County Clerk,” Nixon said. “I am confident she will ably serve the people of Nodaway County in this position.”

Unfortunately for Leader, her time as the County Clerk could be less than a year. Next year, she will have to run for County Clerk for a two year term.

After that election, if Leader wins, she will run again for office for a four year term to get back on track with the normal routine.

But until then, Leader has many responsibilities she will have to take care of in the next year. One of her biggest responsibilities is putting

on four different elections for Nodaway County. Another responsibility that Leader has is getting the budget all lined up. This is the time of year where different offices are turning in their budget for Leader to plan out how to use the tax payers money to best serve Nodaway County.

As the new official County Clerk, Leader wants to make the office more efficient.

“I want the office to be structured to where each person has his or her own section to run,” Leader said. “Then, we will rotate sections so everyone will know everyone’s job to make the office run smoother in the case of someone leaving for a while.”

To start this process, Leader has to do one final thing: she has to fill her old position of Nodaway County Commission Deputy.

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City council addresses resident concerns, makes changes

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The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the city of Maryville were receiving several complaints regarding the current speed limits on the US Highway 71 Bypass.

People are concerned with the 60 mph speed limit on US Highway 71 Bypass at the intersection of US 136 East First Street.

Complainants note that northbound and southbound drivers continue through this intersection at a high rate of speed in attempts to pass yellow lights and run red lights. Years ago, the speed limit on US Highway 71 near Kawasaki was reduced to 45 mph by MoDOT.

The Council recommended approval of the proposed ordinance to amend Section 320.050: Speed Limits, of Chapter 320: Speed Regulations of the Municipal Code of Maryville to reduce the speed limit on US Highway 71 bypass to 55 mph from south city limits to north city limits.

Maryville Public Safety in accordance with MoDOT recommendation said they feel a consistent speed zone through the corridor is crucial for drivers.

The proposed speed slightly reduces the speed limit at US Highway 71 bypass and US Highway 136 intersection, while increasing the speed limit at the intersection of US Highway 71 bypass and Business Highway 71.

The Council also added that a decision did not have to be made right away since there was no urgency on this item and more discussion was needed.

In October 2014, Brightergy, LLC and the city of Maryville signed into a contract to perform a lighting retrofit project at the Maryville Wa-



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Mayor Renee Riedel and Councilwoman Rachael Martin discuss future city ordinances with council members at City Hall, Nov. 9.

ter Treatment Plant.

In an effort to improve energy efficiency, all existing lighting at the facility is fitted with light emitting diode (LED) bulbs.

The total project was \$9,300 with a 50 percent rebate through a program with Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L).

In the course of 10 years, the audit reflected a total savings of \$15,550 with a payback in two and a half years.

It assisted with a \$3,601.94 reduction in energy costs within the first year and improved the safety for plant employees. The Council continued to analyze other efficiency projects at city-owned facil-

ities and has worked with Brightergy, LLC to perform energy audits at several locations.

The Lighting Retrofit Project as proposed should result in an immediate energy cost savings collectively for the facilities identified and nearly \$250,000 in savings over 10 years to the General Fund. In addition to long-term savings to the General Fund, the project improves safety for employees.

Replacing the 29 decorative street lights with LED fixtures, will provide brighter lights for downtown to improve aesthetics and safety.

The bid alternate included for the Maryville Public Library has

been forwarded for consideration and may elect to execute a contract.

The Master Efficiency Lease Agreement assists with avoiding a large one-time capital expenditure from the General Fund and ensures that all maintenance during the lease agreement will be the responsibility of Brightergy, LLC.

Other highlights from the City Council meeting include:

An ordinance authorizing the mayor of Maryville to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to an engineering services contract with Snyder and Associates, Inc., for the Spoofoound Trail Extension, Project.

An ordinance to execute a Missouri Highways and Transportation

Commission Traffic Engineering Assistance Program Agreement for the Maryville Eastside Development Traffic Study Project.

An ordinance to execute a contract with Visu-Sewer, Inc., for the construction of the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Lining Project.

An ordinance to Execute a Contract with Allied Systems, Inc. for the Purchase of an ABS 14HP Pump for the Northwest Lift Station.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of Maryville to execute a contract with Allied Systems, Inc. for the purchase of an ABS 14HP Pump for the Northwest Lift Station, Maryville, Missouri.

Maryville anticipates economic growth as unemployment drops

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Those who have looked around Maryville have spotted some construction work over the past year, and that could be a good sign.

In the approximate two years since the closing of the Energizer plant, the city's economic heartbeat appears to be healthy.

In 2015, Diner 71, a new Dairy Queen, an AT&T store, and other businesses, have opened or reopened their doors to the community. Others, such as Wells Bank, have laid out plans to open and bring job opportunities and consumer dollars to the city.

City Manager Greg McDaniel pointed out that anytime a major employer closes, there will be some degree of impact on the local economy. However, he is optimistic that the city is recovering and has since improved.

"The local economy is strong," McDaniel said. "We've had some challenges in the past few years, but numerous businesses have opened since then."

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that while unemployment numbers fluctuate regularly during the course of each year, they have steadily declined overall since the fall of 2013, suggesting that those who were laid off after the

plant closed were able to eventually find new jobs.

"We continue to see high sales tax numbers," McDaniel said. "The community is rebounding. Some employees were able to re-absorb into the market."

More businesses in town means that consumers will spend more of their money in Maryville instead of other cities such as Kansas City or Saint Joseph, and the opening of new eateries gives residents a reason to stay here for a night out.

Economic Development Director with Nodaway County Economic Development Josh McKim also said that the layoffs resulting from the plant closing affected the Maryville

community, but that the community was able to recover, pointing to the recent surge in new businesses in the city.

"What we can say is that we've seen a significant amount of industrial and community development over the past year," McKim said. "We've seen 60 to 70 million dollars of industrial development in the past year, we've seen significant expansion, and we've seen a lot of individual development. It's fun to see the new construction, and really nice to see existing companies continue to invest in the community."

"The impact is still there, but we've seen significant investment in other industries," McKim said.

A steadily growing economy gives university students a reason to stay, rather than leave following graduation.

Overall, McKim felt that businesses had the confidence to work with the Maryville community.

"Some of it is continued re-investment," McKim said. "Businesses are seeing opportunity in Maryville. There's the robust nature of the economy. They feel it's worth investing in, worth being part of the community. We have great leadership at the university, and great leadership in the county."

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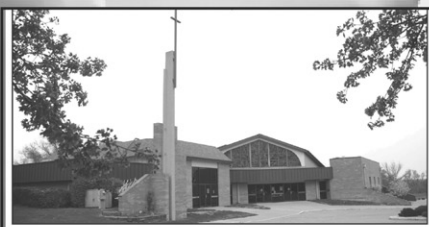
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OUR VIEW:

Police continue to hide behind false FERPA protection

Another week passes and we still have no names for several of the summonses issued on campus.

While University Police continues to hide behind Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), there are more issues now that need to be explained further than “a summons was issued...” or “there is an ongoing investigation for...”

In the last two weeks, we have seen two terrorist threats as well as multiple “dating violence” reports in the university blotters.

These are not topics that we can just brush away like a liquor law violation. These are threats that could put a lot of people in danger, and we deserve to know what is happening.

While the names of the individuals who have been making the terrorist threats may be released, those names would be the only student names we have seen in the crime reports all year.

There have been four weeks total this semester and two weeks sequentially where we have seen dating violence in the blotter. We at the Missourian have requested the names in the university blotter multiple times, and have been denied.

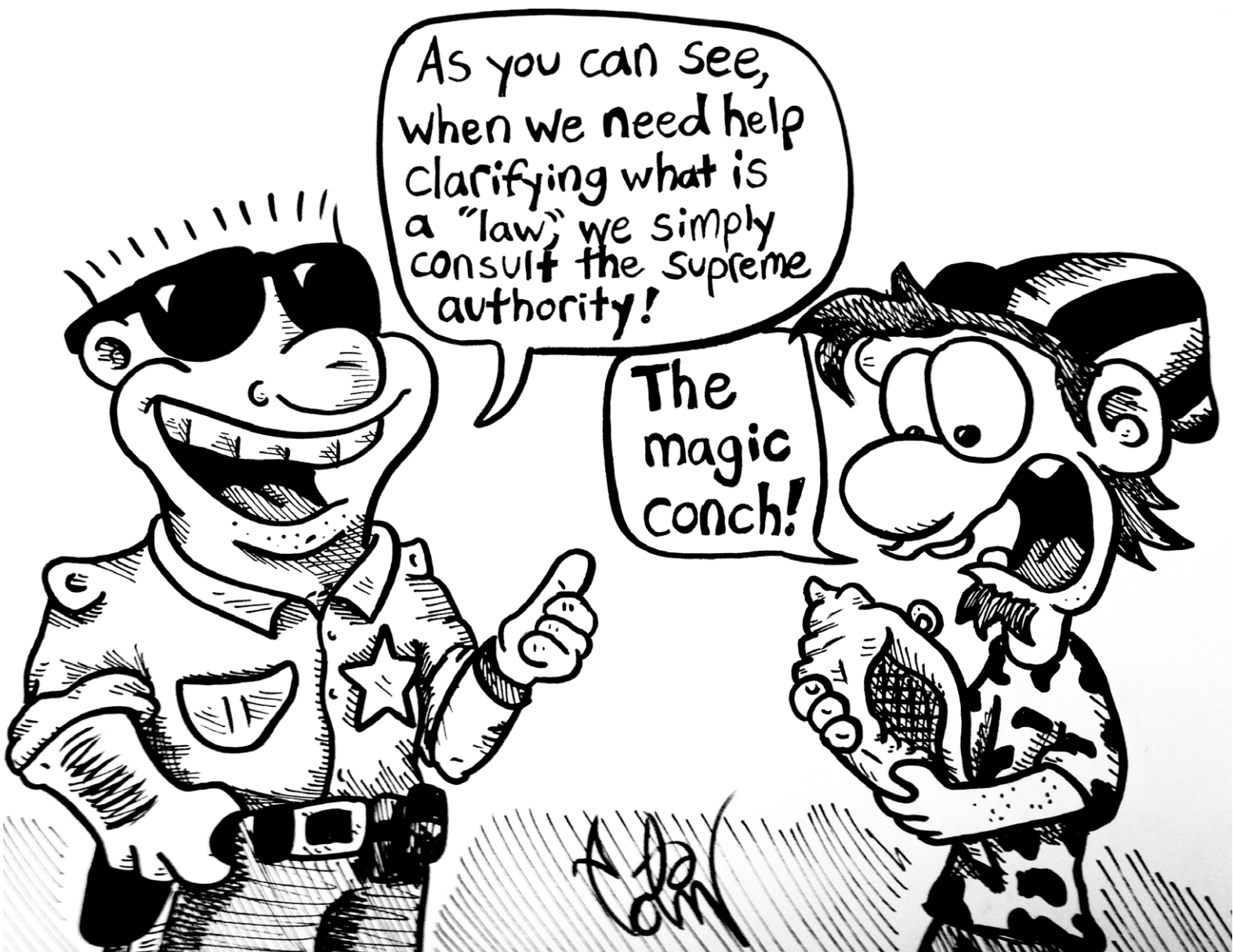
If the university is going to continue to hide behind FERPA, then we should at least get details about the crimes that are more than just the usual liquor law violation.

While there is still an argument about how students are protected by FERPA, there should be no argument in these cases.

How is a domestic dispute classified as an academic record protected by FERPA? Just because the two involved are students? Two people could live off campus while still a student and have this same issue and it would not be protected in this way.

Relationship violence is a big issue today and continues to grow. If this is something we continue to hide the names of those involved, blurring the crime itself, then how do we stop it from happening again?

The argument has been that the students are being protected by



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FERPA because they classify these crimes as university violations, and by not putting names in the paper, the student will have another chance at pursuing a career because this was just a mistake.

This is wrong, relationship violence is a serious issue. You can not just classify it as a university violation and withdraw the names because they made a mistake and do not know better. They should know

better at this point and should not be excused because this was a mistake.

Our question is, how can crimes be labeled academic records just because they are synonymous with university violations?

We don't see how liquor law violations, terrorist threats or relationship violence can be classified as academic records.

They do not pertain to grades, classes, grade point average or any-

thing in accordance with student academic progress and passing these cases through the student judicial system does not change the nature of these records. If the student were off campus; misdemeanor or even felony charges could be filed against the individual.

Potential employers deserve to know if the person they are hiring made a terrorist threat in college. They should know if their new em-

ployee has a history of domestic violence.

These are big issues that can make or break a person. If they decide to do these things, they deserve to have their names in the paper and be known.

This university can not hide behind FERPA any longer, especially in cases as serious as the ones we have been seeing lately. There must be action taken.

Star Wars ignites racial issues



A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, crime lord slug monsters and cognitive robots roam freely. But the most implausible detail of this fictional Star Wars account is a black storm trooper. The ridiculous #BoycottStarWarsVII is a load of cow manure and it reveals an elephant concerning ethnic representation in media.

Upon the release of the “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” trailer, a group of Star Wars fans have taken to social media to express their displeasure with a black storm-trooper who happens to be a main character.

Some fans are noting that stormtroopers are all clones and assuming the clones are duplicated from a white man, a black man would be inaccurate. But, #BoycottStarWarsVII is loaded with racial hatred. Clearly, people are offended that a black character could lead a franchise as epic as Star Wars.

I consulted the Star Wars scholars on the internet and the “all stormtroopers are white clones” argument is flawed. According to galactic empire experts, as evidenced by “Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones,” all stormtroopers were clones of Jango Fett. Jango is an ethnically ambiguous human portrayed by Temuera Morrison, a Maori actor from New Zealand.

So this controversy is reveal-

ing a more severe, festering laceration on the underbelly of America, not a plot inaccuracy. If you didn't know, racism is a legitimate issue, not an imaginary race-carding unicorn that some would have you to believe. This systematic oppression plays its hand in virtually all American processes, including the entertainment industry (gasp).

Yes, this is what Viola Davis was talking about in her acceptance speech at the 2015 Emmy Awards. According to Twitter users, J.J. Abrams' casting of a black storm trooper main character is a part of some sneaky “white genocide,” that seems to be more elusive than Han Solo. This, however, doesn't add up with my research.

According to an article on time.com, there are three non-white people in America for every non-white character on the big screen and seven non-white people in America for every non-white lead character on broadcast TV. That's pretty disappointing for the self-professed cultural melting point. Representation matters for the impressionable. If all the heroes are beautiful and white, then what do you expect people to value? Fiction or not, it's still a relevant concern.

The cherry on top is that Hollywood loves to exploit people of color by whitewashing ethnic characters that are both fictional and nonfictional. This tradition goes far back: from Mickey Rooney as Mr. Yunoshi in Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961), Elizabeth Taylor as Cleopatra (1963), to Jake Gyllenhaal as the Prince of Persia (2010) or Johnny Depp as Tonto in The Lone Ranger (2013). The list

goes on.

A recent outcry for the casting of “The Hunger Games” film presents a sad, ironic case study for ethnic representation in media. Hordes of angry Twitter users took to the internet to profess how a black Rue (Amandla Stenberg) ruined the first movie of the series. But Rue is clearly described as having dark brown skin and eyes in the novel. On the contrary, a blonde hair, blue eyed Jennifer Lawrence didn't ruin the portrayal of Katniss Everdeen. According to the novel, Everdeen has olive skin and straight black hair, which some readers assumed to be non-anglo saxon traits.

The moral of the story is, don't feed into the trolls. As an intelligent black man, my blood still boils sometimes after reading the comments section of race-related news articles. I know there are people hiding in dark corners of the internet inducing online verbal wars, but it can still push my buttons. I just remind myself and others to avoid the quicksand.

Ultimately, there's no way that a few white supremacist cries will halt the mighty Star Wars fandom. Fandango.com crashed the first day “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” tickets went on sale. Not to mention all the single-day records broken and records projected to be broken by the film. Yes, the controversy is irrelevant to the massive franchise. But, think of it as a megaphone to the unstable racial climate in America. People are pissed about a fictional black character in a fictional universe. #BoycottStarWarsVII is darkly humorous.

Pipeline rejection crushes new jobs



The United States struggles with balancing energy independence and protecting the environment. This modern era brought rise to globalization and the ever increasing need to stay highly productive in an ultra-competitive business world. On the other hand, taking proper care of our natural resources helps to ensure a stable economic environment for future generations. Obama's rejection of the Keystone Pipeline does little to remedy either of those concerns.

According to the New York Times Q & A article Keystone Pipeline Pros, Cons and Steps to a Final Decision by Coral Davenport, the Keystone Pipeline proposed by TransCanada ten years ago would bring upwards of 830,000 barrels of petroleum a day from western Canada down to the Gulf Coast of the United States. The Q & A goes on to tell that half of this proposed 2,147 mile long pipeline has already been built and runs from Alberta through North Dakota, South Dakota, and into Nebraska.

Obama's rejection of the Keystone Pipeline amounts to nothing more than petty politicking. The United States already has over 210 natural gas pipelines criss-crossing the nation according to eia.gov (Environmental Information Adminis-

tration). While burning cleaner, natural gas contains methane which greatly contributes to greenhouse gases that lead to climate change. According to the Environmental Protection Agency website, epa.gov, 29 percent of all methane emissions come from natural gas and petroleum processes.

Despite Obama's rejection of the pipeline, TransCanada will still find a way to get the petroleum to market even if it means marketing outside of the western hemisphere. TransCanada could always build a pipeline westward and sell its petroleum to China from the pacific, which constitutes more environmental risks. According to The New York Times, the United States contributed 5.5 billion metric tons of carbon emissions in 2011 and the pipeline would add a minimal 18.7 million tons to those emissions. While not permanent, the 42,000 jobs created from the pipeline could have added 3.2 billion dollars to the economy.

Visit nwmissourinews.com for the full story.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 5th issue of the Missourian we called the Richmond High School football team the Blue Tigers. The Richmond High School football team is named the Spartans.
We also ran the wrong name in the caption under the photo showing number 5 from the MHS Spoofhounds football team. We printed that number 5 was Corby Roush, number 5 is Elijah Green.
We sincerely apologize for these errors.

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The suspect has been released until further investigation and the case has been passed on to Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice.

Langemach said this situation should act as an eye-opener for the community as a whole.

“This sheds light on better processes to educate our members, but I think that the final problem lies with the individuals themselves,” Langemach said. “The Greek life system is, in itself, a positive model for organizations on campus, but the few individuals who take advantage of the community that these organizations provide are the ones who are ruining the reputation for hundreds of other responsible students.”

Langemach went on to explain the things Greek Life does to educate its members on sexual assault. All new members go through programs in which they are educated on sexual assault and proper use of alcohol. The community also hosts a program called “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” to raise awareness for sexual assault and battered women.

Alongside the Greek based sexual assault training, Student Senate President Hugh Slaton said he and the rest of the senate are taking this situation seriously.

“It really is concerning with all of the sexual assaults, especially five in the past year, but student senate is trying to take a step in the

right direction regarding preventing those from happening in the future,” Slaton said.

Senate held an “It’s On Us” open forum discussion Wednesday in the Union Ballroom. The organization has continued participating in the “It’s On Us” and Green Dot, Inc. initiatives in an attempt to stop sexual assaults on and off campus.

Slaton said student voices are vital in stopping sexual assaults.

“It is very important (that students voice their opinions),” Slaton said. “Because it is the student population that is being affected by these sexual assaults. It is vital that students voice their opinions on this matter. Because if they don’t, then it is just the governing body of the University, of UPD, etc. that dictate what happens. So, if you want to actively participate in preventing sexual assault, if you want to actively participate in becoming a part of the project to sort of overhaul what the University is doing, it’s necessary to articulate what you think is going on. So, student voice is very critical in this process.”

Langemach said IFC and the Panhellenic Council discussed the events.

“The IFC had a fantastic executive council meeting this last Thursday regarding all of the previous press, and what is usually a 30 minute meeting ended up lasting about 2 hours,” Langemach said. “We, as a unit, discussed some of the problems that Greek organizations have and ways that we can help to make it easier for

our organizations to make the right decisions. There are a lot of ideas floating around, some good, some not so much, but I can tell you that everyone is interested in improving our community as a whole.”

However, while Langemach believes it is time for change, he believes change needs to come from individuals themselves.

“I think that the IFC and Panhel are committed to change,” Langemach. “All of our organizations have a certain set of values and principles that we are supposed to live by. Now, more than ever, we are encouraging our members to take another look at these promises they made to their brothers and sisters. Are you actually being an asset to your family, or are there things that you can use to improve yourself?”

“Any event that occurs through Greek life is required to be submitted three business days in advance, go through our Vice President of Judicial Affairs who knows all of our bylaws and the risk management policies, and in the end is either approved or not. IFC works very closely with the Greek life office and the office has policies and procedures in place for when our policies are violated. The IFC is not a police force and is not going door to door every weekend ensuring that the people at every event were on the approved guest list. However, when a violation occurs and is reported, the IFC hands down sanctions and holds mediation. We rely on our peers to hold ourselves accountable.”



Are you actually being an asset to your family, or are there things that you can use to improve yourself?

- Mark Langemach
IFC President

TEACHERS
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The MoGEA contains basic standardized exams with four different subsets. Previously, this was a five subset assessment, but now, science and social studies have combined into one subset. The cut line for a candidate to pass or fail for this test is still up in the air. Northwest is able to set the cut line, but they cannot know the scores of the candidates. The state is going to make the cut line in Fall of 2016.

The Professional Education Unit Assessment Coordinator, Michael McBride said he is confident in Northwest’s candidates’ ability to pass this assessment.

“Northwest has done very well with this, where four out of five candidates have passed all the subsets on their first try,” McBride said.

After completing the MoGEA, the next step is passing the MEP, which is an assessment where candidates identify what kind of teachers they are going to be. This is not an assessment where candidates can fail, they just have to do it to be able to get into the teacher education program.

After passing these two assessments, the next step that is required

for certification is passing the Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment (MoPTA), Missouri Content Assessment and Missouri Educator Evaluation System (MEES).

The MoPTA is a performance assessment candidates complete during the candidate’s student teaching. They have to upload examples of lesson plans, student work and assessment results to a website to be graded over how well they are doing. Most of the time, candidates will fail because they do not submit work on time, do not answer each textbox completely, do not upload artifacts requested by the textbox instructions or do not link the artifacts to the textbox.

McBride really likes this assessment.

“...it is so closely related to teaching, research suggests that this assessment has more validity to predict teacher success than other standardized tests,” McBride said.

Usually, candidates are only certified in one subject, which they have to pass the Missouri Content Assessment for. Previously, candidates could pass them whenever they want, but beginning Spring of 2017, all teacher candidates must pass their content assessment before participating in student teaching. For universities, this is a major

assessment because if the university does not have an 80 percent passing rate, then the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) can shut down that program within a three year period.

The final assessment is the MEES, which cooperating teachers, the university and content supervisors will conduct while candidates student teach. The new requirement for this assessment is it will have to be uploaded so the DESE can go over the data and evaluate the candidate’s results to compare to other candidates.

With all of these assessments and new requirements to become teachers, many students like sophomore Dane Appel say they are stressed out.

“I just think they are making it harder to be a teacher in an effort to make better teachers and keep people that really want to be a teacher,” Appel said.

Fortunately, McBride believes in the future candidates.

“I don’t think the Northwest candidates have anything to worry about with the new assessments. Traditional, our candidates have done very well in results from first year teacher surveys that DESE does,” McBride said.

Blotters for the week of Nov. 12

Maryville Department
of Public Safety

Oct. 31

A summons was issued to **Tynisha K. Cooper**, 21, for driving while suspended, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

There is an ongoing investigation for domestic

Northwest Missouri
State University
Police Department

Nov. 4

A summons was issued for stealing in Millikan Hall.

Nov. 6

Two summonses were issued for liquor law violations in Dietrich Hall.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation in Millikan Hall.

disturbance at the 200 block of South Prairie.

Nov. 2

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 300 block of North Main.

Nov. 4

There is an ongoing investigation of trespassing for at the 300 block of East 2nd Street.

Nov. 8

A summons was issued for relationship violence in Millikan Hall.

There is an open case regarding stealing in Perlin Hall.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation in Tower Suites West.

Nov. 11

A summons was issued to **Connor B. Stottlemeyer** for making a terroristic threat in Hudson Hall.



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Senior Lindsey Wiederholt said she was concerned about the threats.

“When I first heard about the threats made over social media, I was alarmed and also disappointed that people have enough hate in their hearts to approach these issues with such violence,” Wiederholt said.

However, Wiederholt said she didn’t ever feel in danger.

“I believe that our university handled the issue incredibly well. The prompt response ensured that the threats didn’t become a reality,” Wiederholt said.

Green said he doesn’t understand this kind of behavior.

“I don’t know why someone would post something so disparaging. Faculty, students and the university do not support these actions and this behavior. There is never a cause for this,” Green said.

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“Fleek” and “yas” have been added to the Oxford dictionary.

Starbucks released winter-themed cups that stirred up controversy, many Twitter natives claimed their Christmases have been ruined due to the lack of Christmas imagery.

McDonald’s began selling \$1 mozzarella sticks at participating locations.

There are 12 days left before Thanksgiving break begins and five weeks left of school.



The Republican GOP debate occurred Tuesday Nov. 10. Issues discussed include raising the minimum wage, decreasing income taxes, foreign threats and immigration reforms.



Adele’s new album will be released Tuesday Nov. 20, four years after the release of her previous album 21.

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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. Powder mineral
- 5. Ten million (in India)
- 10. Culture medium and a gelling agent
- 14. Cain and __
- 15. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 16. Baseball’s Ruth
- 17. Venice beach
- 18. Infirm due to old age
- 19. Attentiveness
- 20. Mortify
- 22. Whale (Norwegian)
- 23. Family Bufonidae
- 24. “A Passage to India” author
- 27. Ocean
- 30. Dad’s partner
- 31. Owned
- 32. Swiss river
- 35. Female golf star Gibson
- 37. Base
- 38. A way to summons
- 39. Acquit
- 40. Male parent
- 41. Brendan Francis __, author
- 42. Rattan
- 43. Aromatic hot beverage
- 44. Inflorescence
- 45. Former CIA
- 46. Make lace
- 47. Airborne (abbr.)
- 48. Thieving bird
- 49. H. Potter’s creator
- 52. Frequency
- 55. Nothing
- 56. More lucid
- 60. Riding mount
- 61. Deducted container weight
- 63. Molten rock
- 64. In this place
- 65. Ancient upright stone slab bearing markings
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- 68. An heir (civil law)
- 69. Without (French)

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- 9. Midway between E and SE
- 10. A way to detest
- 11. Mother of Cronus
- 12. In bed
- 13. Bolsheviks
- 21. Farro wheat
- 23. CNN’s Turner
- 25. Farmers of America
- 26. Small amount
- 27. __ and Venzetti
- 28. Hers in Spanish
- 29. Belongs to sun god
- 32. Expressed pleasure
- 33. Small terrestrial lizard
- 34. Regenerate
- 36. Own (Scottish)
- 37. The cry made by sheep
- 38. Chest muscle (slang)
- 40. Explode
- 41. Notice
- 43. Pitch
- 44. Run due to the batter
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- 49. Shifted in sailing
- 50. One who cables
- 51. Elaborate celebrations
- 52. Expresses pleasure
- 53. Carbamide
- 54. Persian in Afghanistan
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- 59. Radioactivity units
- 61. Tanzanian shilling
- 62. Hyrax

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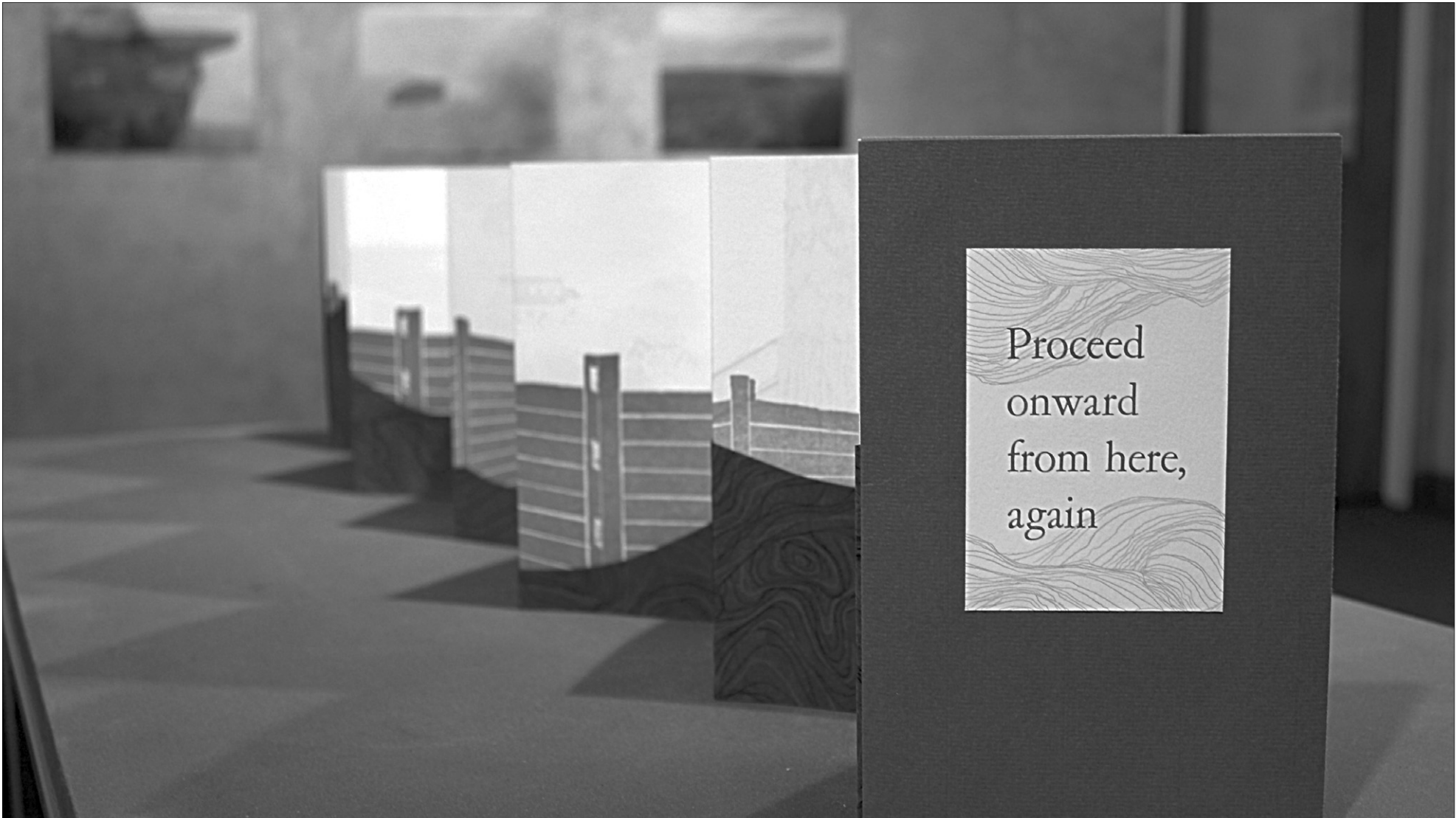
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Visiting printmaker artist Amanda Maciuba’s artwork is on display until Dec. 1 in the Art Gallery, which is open Tuesdays 2-5 p.m.

HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

New art gallery draws attention from community

REBECCA BOREN
A&E Reporter | @beccalynnborn

Northwest freshmen received a list of “One Hundred and One Things to do While Studying at Northwest” on move in day. Among these activities “study abroad” and “eat a waffle for dinner in the student commons” were included. No. 97 on this list is “visit a Deluce art exhibit in Fine Arts.” Students can check this one off their list by visiting the November gallery.

Each month the gallery represents a different artist. The new gallery is revealed each month when the artist comes to speak and introduce his or her work.

For the month of November, the artist showcased in the gallery is Amanda Maciuba, a print maker that

uses her art to analyze urban, suburban and rural environments.

Assistant Professor of Ceramics Kwok-Pong Tso is in charge of selecting the artists that are showcased in the gallery.

Tso believes that Maciuba’s work and her analysis of different environments is applicable to Maryville.

“Her work shows concern with the effects (of) purposeful human actions alongside time and acts of nature we cannot control, and (how we) alter the current landscape and others’ later experiences and decisions within that landscape. (This) makes her and her work fit our area very well,” Tso said.

Maciuba uses the intaglio printmaking process which involves an image incised into a surface. The

artist then fills the incision with ink and presses paper or a thin canvas over the surface so the ink transfers to the paper and canvas. Then the incised surface can be used repeatedly to create the same design.

“As an artist whose work focuses on place, my work often moves between personal experiences within specific landscapes and to broad and encompassing depictions of our environments that could represent any or all aspects of the United States,” Maciuba said.

The printmaking process is an extensive one and there are students here at Northwest who understand just how hard it is to create this form of art.

Senior Georgina Ruano-Arriaga is enrolled in the Advanced Printmaking Studio class. She is work-

ing on a project that depicts a photograph from her grandmother who lives in El Salvador. Ruano-Arriaga enjoys making art that shows where she is from.

“When I first took a printmaking class, it wasn’t until the end of the class that I really appreciated what it was all about,” Ruano-Arriaga said. “At the end of the class, I felt like I didn’t have a chance to explore what I finally understood.”

Senior Jenny Clarkson explored the process of printmaking with an introductory course.

“Printmaking is unique because you can recreate what you have already made,” Clarkson said. “If a sculptor makes a sculpture and tries to make another one look exactly the same, he is going to have a hard time.”

Clarkson recommends that anyone even the slightest bit interested in printmaking should take the class.

“It is a versatile class. You don’t have to be majoring in printmaking to take the class. It can help drawing majors, sculpting majors, whoever,” Clarkson said.

Maciuba’s work will remain in the Deluce Gallery until the next artist is showcased in December.

Tso emphasizes how important and meticulous the printmaking process is.

“Printmaking is not only a practice that creates a beautiful piece of artwork, but the whole process is an experience. It is about detail and physical labor. Those qualities are put into account to create something that holds tradition far beyond today’s digital print,” Tso said.

Controversy brews amid holiday season



It’s that time of year again. The cold wind is blowing, college students are stressing and people are finding new ways to make the world a terrible place.

Too far? Maybe.

If you haven’t heard already, Starbucks is causing controversy with its cups. Yup, its cups. The new design is a red ombre that just doesn’t scream Christmas.

First off, these cups are not for Christmas or the holiday season, they are winter cups, designed for winter. In previous years, these cups were adorned with snowflakes, but now they are more minimalistic.

People are protesting the company by telling the baristas his or her name is Merry Christmas so that the cups are Christmas themed.

First off, what better way to protest a company than buying its products. Slow clap for you guys.

Starbucks still celebrates Christmas, it has a Christmas blend coffee, gingerbread flavored seasonal drinks, and, upon entering any shop, an array of decorations that could be considered a part of the Christmas spirit.

Twitter users expressed their thoughts about the issue through several clever tweets.

“As you ignore the cold homeless guy sitting outside Starbucks, please be sure to complain about the ‘non-Christian’ red cup of \$5 coffee,” @mydaughtersarmy said.

Many other tweets can be found under the hashtag #MerryChristmasStarbucks.

Seriously, if this is our priority, there is a terrible problem. People being offended that not everyone celebrates Christmas is one of the most petty issues that could face our society today.

America is a melting pot of cultures and races, and along with this comes a myr-

iad of different holidays to celebrate. When we are upset that Merry Christmas isn’t shouted at you every day starting with November first, we need to take a step back and re-evaluate our priorities.

Please, someone tell me how red cups are anti-Christmas? These cups haven’t been specifically Christmas themed in the past, so why get upset now?

Another tweet states: “So disappointed in the red cups. All year I ignore your PC crap, @Starbucks and pay for my latte w/my gold card. Christmas is ruined!” said Amy Beth (@absinbr).

Wow, if all it takes to ruin your Christmas is a red cup, you must not have had many good Christmases, if any.

What a world it must be when Christmas is ruined by one company that doesn’t conform to the traditional Christmas celebration. All those early Christmas decorations and songs are for naught. Sorry Wal-Mart, you just didn’t shove it in your consumer’s faces enough to make it a magical Christmas. Maybe Black Friday will even it out. After all, what better way to be thankful than buying everything you possibly can for materialistic happiness?

The true meaning of Christmas has been lost, it’s buried deep somewhere in the history books.

But hope is still out there, so don’t let this small group of negative Nancys tarnish the Christian name.

“I am Christian. I don’t think the red cups are offensive. And I don’t care if you say happy holidays to me. I’m offended this is an issue,” Twitter user Jen Connic said (@jenconnic).

In all honestly, such a small group out of millions of consumers will have no affect on the company whatsoever if you stop buying Starbucks’ products.

It’s as if people are reaching for new ways to be upset, as if they have to be in a constant state of anger to stay alive.

Once our priorities start to become geared towards how Christmas oriented a cup is, that’s when it all starts to go down hill, and honey, I’m not liking the view from down here.

Gamers feast on blockbuster November title releases

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

With the holiday season approaching, highly anticipated video games are being released in time to purchase as gifts. Fans of various game series plan to devote countless hours to game play.

One of the highly-anticipated games for the holiday season is “Fallout 4.” The open world role-playing game released Nov. 10 allows the player to take control of a character who has just woken 200 years after a nuclear holocaust in 2077. They meet up with the character Dogmeat, a dog modeled after the Blue Heeler breed.

The players can pick either first person or third person perspective for the gameplay. They explore the remains of the New England region with Dogmeat to collect items to level up and meet enemies along the way. Some found items can be used to add modifications to weapons and armor allowing for hundreds of combinations.

“I was so excited for this game when it was announced this spring,” freshman Bailey Crampton said. “I’m just barely in it so far, but I love it.”

One of the other anticipated releases is “Call of Duty: Black Ops III.” The first person shooter released Nov. 6 is the twelfth entry in the long running series.

The campaign mode takes place 40 years after the events of 2012’s “Call of Duty: Black Ops II.” The future of warfare is explored with robotics turning soldiers into super soldiers.

The campaign mode features various voice actors including Christopher Meloni from “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” and Seattle Seahawks running back, Marshawn Lynch. Jeff Goldblum also voices a character on the “Zombies” gamemode.

Along with the campaign, the “Zombies” gamemode returns. Up to four players try to survive endless rounds of zombies coming af-

ter them with each round becoming more difficult.

The popular multiplayer mode also returns. Players can use new thruster packs for small boosts in jumps and the ability to run on walls. Other new changes include the new “Gunsmith” tool where players can customize the aesthetic variations on the weapon’s attachments and add custom paint jobs to their weapons.

The game also introduces the “Specialist” character system. Players pick from nine characters and either a powerful weapon or ability that is exclusive to them. This can range from a powerful pistol that kills in one shot to the ability to teleport back to a previous location and avoid dying in the game.

The release of “Star Wars: Battlefront” Nov. 17 also has fans excited.

“Battlefront” lets the players relive various famous battles from the original movie trilogy including the snowy battle on Hoth. The player can take control of a rebel trooper or a stormtrooper in the battles. Heroes and villains such as Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader are also playable.

The game will also include exclusive downloadable content with maps on the new planet of Jakku. The maps will explain the backstory to the downed starships featured in the trailers of “Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens.”

The game will also feature cooperative gameplay missions including a survival mode against endless waves of enemies similar to “Zombies” mode from “Call of Duty.”

“I’ve waited since I was a kid for another Battlefront to be released,” senior Matthew Mejia said. “Now it’s actually happening and is out in only a couple weeks. I’m overwhelmed that my childhood can be relived again in some way.”

This holiday season, we will see various game releases that allow fans both new and old to spend countless hours exploring an entirely different world.



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Inge Auernacher, Ph.D. spoke to Northwest students Monday evening.

Holocaust speaker shares her experience with students

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“Today happens to be a very special day. Today is Nov. 9,” Inge Auerbacher, Ph.D., said.

Indeed it was a special day, for not only does it mark the 77th year after Kristallnacht, the event that started the Holocaust, but it is also the night that Holocaust survivor Auerbacher spoke to Northwest students about her experiences during the war.

Auerbacher was originally scheduled to speak at Northwest last spring, but due to an accident in Germany where she broke her arm, she was rescheduled to speak Monday night in the Charles Johnson Theatre. The lecture was scheduled for 7 p.m., however, Student Involvement Coordinator Anthony Maly announced that the theater had reached capacity and there were still 200 students waiting outside. The event then moved to the Performing Arts Center.

“It is ancient history to some people, especially young people, but for us, it will never fade from our memory,” Auerbacher said.

Auerbacher travels the nation to speak about her experiences and tell students and the general public about the importance of learning from history.

“I lost eight years of schooling in my life,” Auerbacher said. “I never finished the first grade.”

Auerbacher works to eliminate stereotypes and encourages students to “take people as they are.”

To the small population of individuals that do not believe that the Holocaust took place, Auerbacher has a message.

“First of all, they are idiots,” Auerbacher said. “Go to one of the camps... the crematoriums are still there. There was one individual who said that the ovens in Auschwitz were used to bake bread. I don’t think you would like to taste that bread.”

Auerbacher holds onto several relics from the war. She has her star she was forced to wear on her chest, her transport papers, as well as the only remaining picture of her best friend within the camp, Ruth Lincoln. Auerbacher was the only child from her home state, Wittenberg, to return from the concentration camps. Her mission is to keep the memory of the lost children alive today.

“I wear a butterfly today. The butterfly became the symbol of the 1.5 million children that were murdered and I wear it in their honor,” Auerbacher said.

Junior SAC member Anna Carter organized the evening.

“Bringing speakers of historical significance to campus, such as Auerbacher, Ph.D., is an incredible opportunity for our students,” Carter said. “We have few opportunities to hear from someone who personally experienced the events we have discussed throughout our education. We sit in class and listen to lectures, but we rarely connect our emotions to the content we are studying.”

Freshman Kaitlyn McCain was one of the many students that attended the lecture Monday night.

“It puts everything into perspective,” McCain said. “When I really feel like quitting or giving up, I can just remember that at least I am in school and I have an opportunity to live this life that Auerbacher, Ph.D., and so many others didn’t get to experience this when they were young.”

After her experiences with the Holocaust, Auerbacher continued her life in America. She attended Queen’s College to earn her degree in chemistry and worked in the clinical health and research field for 38 years. Her story of perseverance and survival is one that stirred many emotions among Northwest students.

“It is not only the story during the camp, it is what happened afterwards,” Auerbacher said. “It wasn’t all glory after liberation.”

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OK, it’s true. Women eat and that’s a fact of life that we need to accept. Not that women are constantly made fun of for eating so much, but the holiday season is fast approaching. Thanksgiving is a time where our inhibitions falter and we have that extra piece of pie and then some.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time. Northwest students have a

short break before delving back into the chaos of college and can enjoy the luxurious food we’ve been away from for so long.

Yes, in the winter, weight is gained and there is a desperate need to get back into shape before the summer. But it’s all worth it. Why?

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the holiday weight off. Everyone deserves guilty pleasures, so please, when your sister, mother, girlfriend, etc. is eating more than usual, don’t point it out, just pass the potatoes.

Some women spend the day cooking the delicious food for their families, and it’s only fair they get to eat a good portion of it too.

Ladies, there is no shame in indulging. Besides, many of us go

back to Northwest and are thrown immediately into finals. It’s better to have a little extra weight to help us through dead week than having our bodies start to digest themselves.

Also, don’t forget to bring back leftovers. Studying for finals is worrisome enough we don’t need to have anxiety about the dwindling food supply in the mini fridges. The end of the semester is fast approach-

ing and stocking the fridges and pantries with fresh food is counter intuitive.

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BASKETBALL
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“They were really good role guys,” junior forward Zach Schneider said. “They obviously played a lot of minutes, but they knew their role. Wallace was a defender first, he (defended) the other team’s best player every time and he didn’t complain about that. He also didn’t look at the score, he just looked to make everyone else around him better. Grant was obviously a big time post-player for us. He scored when he needed to, he rebounded when he needed to and guarded the other

guy’s post when he needed to. Trying to replace them is big because we just need guys that want to accept their roles and step in for us to be successful.”

Moving forward, the Bearcats will have to lean on sophomores Justin Pitts, Schneider and Crooker to offset the production and leadership void Wallace and Cozad left behind.

As a redshirt freshman, Pitts led the team with 17.2 ppg and was selected for the first team All-MIAA. McCollum said Pitts’ contributions were a big part of Northwest’s success last year and will be counted on even more this year.

“His role was pretty big last year. I think (the offense) will be built a little more around him,” McCollum said.

“Last year it was built around just a group. This (offense will be built) more around an individual who can create for our shooters, who can drive and kick threes.”

Crooker and Schneider proved to be pivotal for Northwest behind the three-point line last year. Both players connected on 43 percent of their shots from behind the arc, and they accounted for 68 percent of Northwest’s three-pointers.

As Northwest’s offense adjusts to the new personnel, its consistency

will be vital to the team’s success.

Sophomore transfer Chris-Ebou Ndow is a newcomer that will be expected to make a huge contribution. Ndow is from Norway and was recently granted clearance from the NCAA. McCollum feels like Ndow will bring a lot to the team.

“He’s got a lot of potential, he just needs to find his rhythm in our offense,” McCollum said. “In scrimmages, he’s played great. He might have led us in scoring in both of those scrimmages. He’s a big, physical guard. He’s just got to find that comfort zone, and it usually takes about a semester to find it, and once he does, he’ll be good.”

Northwest will play its first two games against Upper Iowa and Wayne State.

Northwest will use its first two games to begin the season on a positive note with some early momentum.

“I just want us to compete,” McCollum said. “We always tell our kids ‘can you get down 10 and make a run back, or can you get up 15 and continue to keep your foot on their throat?’” The mental toughness things, those are big for us. Not the mental toughness things of fighting through fatigue, everybody should be able to do that. It’s more the other side, the emotional side of things.”

INSURANCE
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McKee was rushed to St. Francis Hospital to receive help. McKee could only perform from the sidelines for a few of the football games, but she recovered by the time basketball season started.

Not only did McKee get hurt, but a lot of her teammates got hurt throughout the season. She had another teammate who sprained her ankle and was unable to dance for a week. Many other teammates were injured to the point of having to sit out of a practice or two.

The types of injuries the Steppers encounter often require immediate

medical treatment to help them recover. When McKee suffered her injury, she did not receive any immediate medical attention from Northwest.

“I couldn’t go to the trainers at the school because we weren’t covered. The only time I would go to the trainer’s office was to get myself ice for my knee,” McKee said. “Being under the health insurance policy that Northwest offers would have been extremely helpful.”

McKee was forced to find her own treatment for her knee because Northwest did not provide her help.

Her insurance covered the cost of immediate treatment for her injury, but her parents had to pay \$20 an hour for her rehabilitation sessions

twice a week for a month, something else NCAA athletes are covered for under the university health insurance policy.

McKee believes the Steppers should be under the health insurance policy to help relieve the stress.

“I think the Steppers deserve to be under the health insurance of Northwest. We have many injuries that happen, especially when we practice eight hour days for many days straight in a row for nationals,” McKee said.

“That’s when the injuries happened the most. Unfortunately, we don’t get covered by health insurance and we believe we should because, as dancers, we do some crazy stuff, especially crazy awesome

tricks in our hip hop dances, and if we were covered, we could get extra help and be back to dancing quicker.”

These injuries could happen anywhere for the Steppers. Kelly Quinlin, the Head Athletic Trainer for Northwest, will help at the first sight of the injury.

“I will perform the initial first aid treatment, just like if a fan needs medical attention... But after that, we (as athletic trainers) cannot perform any further treatment because they do not have the insurance required,” Quinlin said.

The liability for treating someone that is not covered by the university’s health insurance is very dangerous because of all the risks

that come with it. But sometimes, the athletic trainers do not always help with a non-insured person’s injury.

McKee’s sister was a Stepper and during her time, one of her teammates tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). No one helped her until her teammates picked her up and carried her off the field.

“Having health insurance would be so helpful with the accidents and injuries that happen on the dance floor,” McKee said. “Hopefully Northwest can change the health insurance policy and get the Bearcat Steppers covered because they really need to be covered.”



Junior Jacob Vollstedt celebrates after a sack against Emporia State Nov. 7.

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FOOTBALL
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Dorrel said some of those goals include getting a special teams touchdown because the Bearcats have just one so far this season.

Another thing Dorrel wants his team to focus on this week is reducing penalties.

The Bearcats are No. 10 in penalties in the MIAA through the first ten weeks of the season.

Last week, the Bearcats had to deal with an up-tempo offense with a gunslinger quarterback while playing Emporia State. This week is almost the polar opposite.

The Bearcats take on a Washburn team that likes to grind out games on the ground behind two tight ends and two backs. It is also senior night for the Ichabods which adds a little extra incentive to the game. According to Dorrel, these are some of the toughest games to prepare for.

“The thing that’s concerning to me is the eight or nine minute drive at Missouri Western that they went

on,” Dorrel said. “They ran the ball every snap and they ate up nine minutes of the clock to finish out the win. Those are the things that keep you awake at night as a coach because if that happens, there’s not a lot you can do about it.”

The Ichabods use two different running backs in their offensive scheme. The first of the two is senior Hayden Groves and the second is senior Brandon Bourbon. Bourbon is more of a power back than Groves, standing 6’1” tall and weighing 225 pounds.

Bourbon is a transfer from the University of Kansas and is currently the fifth leading rusher in the MIAA, averaging 92 yards a game.

“He’s a beast,” Dorrel said. “He’s not slow. He gets to the edge on their outside zone stuff. What’s troublesome is if they can get one of your smaller defenders in run support, like a corner. He understands when he gets there who he’s going against. He tries to use the truck stick and he’s very good at it.”

Bourbon will have one of the toughest times all year as he faces off against a Northwest defense


which comes in ranked No. 1 in the MIAA in rush defense. The Bearcats have only allowed an average of 73.8 yards a game on the ground so far this season.

Two Bearcats were honored this week after their outstanding performances against Emporia State. Senior quarterback Brady Bolles and junior defensive end Collin Bevins were named MIAA/AstroTurf Football Athletes of the Week.

Bolles threw for a career-high 362 yards with four touchdown passes against the Hornets. Bevins finished the game against Emporia State with four sacks, and seven tackles for a loss and a safety.

“Last week, I know for sure that was the most prepared I’ve ever been for a game in my career,” Bolles said. “I really invested myself a lot in the film room. I’ve got to give a shout out to (the scout team), they have been doing a great job all year of giving us looks. It’s nice when you have a scout team that we like to think is as good as some of the defenses we’re playing.”

The Bearcats take on Washburn at 1 p.m. Nov. 14 in Topeka.



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NO. 6	TOTAL OFFENSE CONFERENCE RANK
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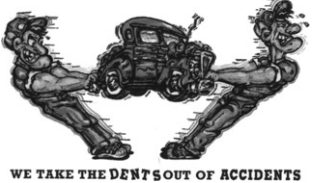
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Volleyball aims to end season on high note

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The Northwest Missouri State University volleyball team (15-11, 8-8 MIAA) will look to gain momentum as it prepares for the final two games of the regular season.



The Bearcats sit in sixth place of the MIAA. The team has also clinched a spot in conference post-season tournament. Head coach Amy Woerth says the team has a small amount of work to be done before the tournament.

“We need to start building momentum to get through the postseason conference tournament,” Woerth said. “I want us to play together and focus on putting the offensive and defensive movement together.”

Northwest’s seeding in the MIAA tournament will not be secure until the completion of its final two games. The Bearcats play Lindenwood Nov. 13, followed by Central Missouri Nov. 14.

Both games will be played on the road. According to junior Miranda Foster, teamwork will be needed to keep the possibility of winning in the picture.

“It takes everyone being all in and on the same page,” Foster said. “Building each other’s confidence is key. Knowing everyone is behind each other is the biggest part to our success.”

The Bearcats beat Lindenwood in three sets earlier this season at Bearcat Arena. The match was close in each set. Northwest was able to limit Lindenwood’s attack enough to secure the win.

The Bearcats were unable to do the same against Central Missouri. Northwest started the match on a positive note, scoring the first two points of the first set. Central Missouri responded by scoring sev-



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Miranda Foster and sophomore Alexis Williams jump for a block ball Oct. 9. Northwest prepare to take on Lindenwood and Central Missouri this week.

en of the next eight points within the match.

Northwest was able to score the first point of the second set also, but the pressure from Central Missouri showed up again, limiting Northwest throughout the remaining of the game. The Bearcats would lose this match three sets to none.

Two Bearcat wins this weekend could help Northwest gain a better tournament seed than what they

would earn today. Foster says this is a challenge the team is willing to take on.

“Taking UCM is really important to us,” Foster said. “We have goals to win the rest of our games. We want to take all of them.”

Woerth says the final two regular season games will play a key role in how the team plays in the MIAA tournament.

“Going into the conference tour-

namment, we are going to play a higher seed,” Woerth said. “We have to feel good about going into that gym and taking something away from that team. That challenge isn’t going to be met if we don’t take that underdog role and go in and upset even some teams this week.”

Northwest lost to Missouri Western on Nov. 10. Bearcat errors would lead the Griffons to a 25-22 first set win.

The Bearcats found themselves behind by as many as seven through the second set. Northwest rallied before falling 31-29. Missouri Western dominated the third set winning 25-18 to sweep the bearcats.

The MIAA volleyball post-season tournament will begin Nov. 17. Northwest’s tournament seed will be announced following the completion of game play on Nov. 14.

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Cross country season ends at regionals

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The Northwest Missouri State cross country team’s season ended Nov. 7 after the men’s and women’s teams were unable to qualify for the NCAA Division II National meet.



The men’s team finished in 10th place and the women’s team finished in 14th. Within the meet, junior Nolan Zimmer also earned all-region honors. Despite this accomplishment, head coach Scott Lorek said the team should have finished better.

“For the men, the conference was really tough,” Lorek said. “We tried to improve that in regionals. We were running well, and a couple of guys fell off the second half. I’m a little bit frustrated, but we get most of our guys back next year.”

Only one member of this year’s men’s cross country team is graduating. This gives the team full potential heading into next fall.

“We came up a little short again,” junior Nolan Zimmer said. “The way the season was, it adds a lot of fuel for the fire next year. I think we will be better next year and I actually know we will be better next year.”

The women’s team built its identity this season after suffering from performance issues last fall. Lorek says this should be a feeling of accomplishment.

“The women’s team ran very well,” Lorek said. “Seven out of seven ran personal records. They did outstanding. They had a great season, they came together, they elevated themselves and a lot of people came through. That’s good

for the future.”

The women’s team could lose two members next season. Sophomore Samantha Laurenzo said this could be a setback.

“It is kind of rough,” Laurenzo said. “But the other girls have finally realized we have a good team and we are capable of doing big things.”

Lorek hopes to use this season as a lesson in identity for each team next fall.

“The goal was to qualify for the NCAA championships,” Lorek said. “We were in the mix. That is still going to be the goal for next year. The men’s team did a lot of things competitive and mentally, we are going to look forward. Our women’s team had a theme of waking the giant and we came a long ways in doing that.”

The cross country team will now transition into indoor track season as distance runners. Each athlete will work his or her way back into preseason training to ensure a quality performance.

“What we want to do is take the momentum we’ve had building throughout this whole fall and carry it over into indoor,” Zimmer said.

Lorek hopes to see improvement from the team just as he did during cross country season.

“We are going to be competitive,” Lorek said. “We have a lot of new people that need to establish themselves, but we really need our veterans to be good leaders.”

Indoor track and field practice is currently underway. The first meet is Dec. 11-12 at the Charley Foster Pre-Holiday Classic in Kearney, Nebraska.

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FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	10-0	10-0
Emporia St.....	8-2	8-2
Central Missouri.....	8-2	8-2
Fort Hays St.....	7-3	7-3
Pittsburg St.....	6-4	6-4
Central Oklahoma.....	5-5	5-5
Missouri Western.....	5-5	5-5
Washburn.....	5-5	5-5
Lindenwood.....	3-7	3-7
Northeastern St.....	2-8	2-8
Missouri Southern.....	1-9	1-9
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-10	0-10

Nov. 14
NORTHWEST at Washburn
Central Oklahoma at Pittsburg State
Central Missouri at Fort Hays State

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	26-3	14-2
Washburn.....	26-3	13-3
Central Missouri.....	25-4	13-3
Nebraska Kearney.....	26-5	13-3
Missouri Western.....	21-7	12-4
Fort Hays St.....	19-12	8-8
NORTHWEST.....	15-11	8-8
Emporia St.....	10-16	5-11
Lindenwood.....	13-15	4-12
Southwest Baptist.....	5-22	3-13
Pittsburg St.....	2-25	2-14
Missouri Southern.....	2-25	1-15

Nov. 13
NORTHWEST at Lindenwood
Nov. 14
NORTHWEST at Central Missouri

NW Men’s Basketball

MIAA Preseason Poll	Overall	MIAA
1. NORTHWEST.....	0-0	0-0
2. Central Missouri.....	0-0	0-0
3. Nebraska Kearney.....	0-0	0-0
4. Missouri Southern.....	0-0	0-0
5. Pittsburg St.....	0-0	0-0
6. Fort Hays St.....	0-0	0-0
7. Lindenwood.....	0-0	0-0
8. Central Oklahoma.....	0-0	0-0
T9 Washburn.....	0-0	0-0
T9 Missouri Western.....	0-0	0-0
11. Emporia St.....	0-0	0-0
12. Southwest Baptist.....	0-0	0-0
13. Northeastern St.....	0-0	0-0
14. Lincoln.....	0-0	0-0

Nov. 13
NORTHWEST vs. Upper Iowa
Wayne State vs. Missouri Western
Nov. 14
NORTHWEST vs. Wayne State
Upper Iowa vs. Missouri Western

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Maryville

'Hounds take on Odessa in Class 3 quarterfinals

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The Maryville Spoofhounds football team will take the field in the quarterfinals against its toughest competition yet.



The Maryville Spoofhounds (12-0) travel to face the Odessa Bulldogs (11-1) at 7 p.m. Friday in the quarterfinals of the Class 3 playoffs.

The Spoofhounds' offense is anchored by senior Dakota Beemer who accounted for 212 yards of total offense and three touchdowns last week in their 42-7 win over the Richmond Spartans in the Class 3, District 8 title game.

With Odessa looking to contain Beemer, the Spoofhounds are going to have to rely on their supporting cast to provide offense. Junior quarterback Trey Oglesby said if the Bulldogs focus in on Beemer, then the offensive coaches will adjust to get other players going.

"If they key on Beemer we should have other things open. Offensive coordinator Matt Houchin and other coaches will adjust and call it when it is there," Oglesby said.

Oglesby has thrown for 1,465 yards and 17 touchdowns with just eight interceptions, including a 251 yard and four touchdown performance in last week's win against Richmond High School.

Junior fullback Elijah Green has added 613 yards on the ground with nine touchdowns on the season.

The Odessa offense features senior running back Kobe Hardin, who broke Odessa's single season rushing record with more than 2,000 yards rushing on the season.

"Just from watching him play, he is a huge talent back there," head coach Matt Webb said. "He is big,



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Senior quarterback Trey Oglesby threw for 251 yards and four touchdowns in a 42-7 victory over Richmond Nov. 6.

strong and fast. I think he has all the characteristics of what an excellent running back needs to have."

The Bulldogs come into this Friday's game after beating Oak Grove 28-10 in the Class 3, District 7 title game.

Maryville lost to Oak Grove in last year's Class 3 quarterfinals 69-23.

"It is win or go home time,"

Oglesby said. "With the loss last year, it puts the extra weight on your shoulders, but if we go out and play like we know how, then we can get it done."

The Spoofhounds' offense will have a challenge on its hands. Odessa has only allowed 25 points in its last four games. Webb said the offense needs to capitalize on its possessions.

"I think we need to take advantage of the opportunities we have when we are there," Webb said. "You look at how impressive it is who they have beaten on their schedule. We know how good Oak Grove is and they have beat them twice this year. Their defensive line is big and strong, so we are going to have to deal with them. We are going to have to take advantage of the

opportunities when they are there."

On the defensive side of the ball, Maryville will have its hands full against a 2,000 yard rusher and a quarterback who makes smart decisions with the football. Webb said this is going to be the toughest competition the defense has lined up against.

"We are going to have an uphill battle," Webb said. "We are fortunate enough to be on the same field as these guys. They have a 2,000 yard rusher who is the best we'll have played in a long time. From watching them, they bring a very physical style of attack. We feel like we have played some great defense over the season, but this is a totally different animal."

This Friday will mark the first away game for the Spoofhounds in five weeks. Webb said he is not worried about the time in between road games.

"We were fortunate to play our last two homes games and three district games at home," Webb said. "When you go on the road in playoff time, you relish the opportunities. It is not something I worry about. Sometimes when you go on the road, you get to have a tighter knit atmosphere among the team because you can eliminate some distractions you normally have."

Maryville last played Odessa in the first round of the 2010 Class 3 playoffs. The Spoofhounds won 49-6 at home.

Webb has a message for the people of Spoofhound nation.

"We need everyone that has a vehicle to bring someone with you," Webb said. "We need a big showing down there with Spoofhound nation. We need to see some flags flying. Everybody take work off in the afternoon Friday and get down to Odessa."

Women's basketball season begins with road trip

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The Northwest women's basketball team kicks off its first games of the season in Sioux Falls, Iowa as it faces off with the Augustana Vikings Nov. 13, followed by the University of Sioux Falls Cougars Nov. 14, with both games starting at 6 p.m.



Following a preseason victory over Graceland by a score of 78-66, Northwest looks to pick up steam going into its first few games.

Head coach Michael Smith is now entering his third year of coaching at Northwest.

"The last couple years, we have just tried to make do with what we had and try and find an understanding of the players," Smith said.

The team has six players returning from last year, plus 10 new faces added to the group.

"This is the happiest I've been since I've been here," Smith said. "I feel like I can finally take a deep breath. Our kids kind of coach themselves and we haven't had that the last couple of years. Our six returning players have done a great job of implementing everything (with the new players) starting in the locker room and the weight room as well."

Smith said he knows how im-

portant team bonding is. He said that it really starts in the summer and feels that the team is really headed in the right direction.

"If you look at teams that have had success here at Northwest, such as our football and men's basketball program, the athletes are standing behind one another and putting in the work, staying in over the summer," Smith said. "I really feel like this is a very talented group that we have this year. I feel like we have kids that can fit every role that we need and on every position on the floor. I also think we have some real quality depth."

This season, Smith said he be-

lieves his outside-the-box thinking during recruiting will vastly improve his team. One of the new faces on Smith's team is junior Jasmin Howe. Howe transferred to Northwest from Millicent, Australia.

"We needed a shooter," Smith said. "We were towards the bottom of the MIAA in three point percentage. We had to get better in that category. Jasmin was one of the first ones we spotted. She has a tremendous basketball IQ, one of the highest I've been around as a coach."

Howe shot over 40 percent from the field last year at Marshalltown Community College while also averaging 17 points-per-game and re-

ceiving first team all-region honors.

With all of the team bonding and camaraderie, Howe said she has adjusted quite nicely so far at Northwest.

"We have a really good system here and everyone is so friendly. You have to build up the support system and it is been so easy here," Howe said.

Howe said two of the seniors on the team were a big reason why Howe decided to transfer to Northwest. If it was not for all the caring and leadership shown by the upperclassmen, this would be a very different basketball team heading into the season.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Brady Bolles



The senior quarterback was named MIAA/AstroTurf Athlete of the week after throwing for a career high 362 yards and four touchdowns after the Bearcats' 44-10 victory over Emporia St.

Maddy Bruder



The freshman outside hitter led the Bearcat volleyball team with 14 kills, 13 digs and two block assists in Northwest's 3-2 loss against the Fort Hays St Tigers.

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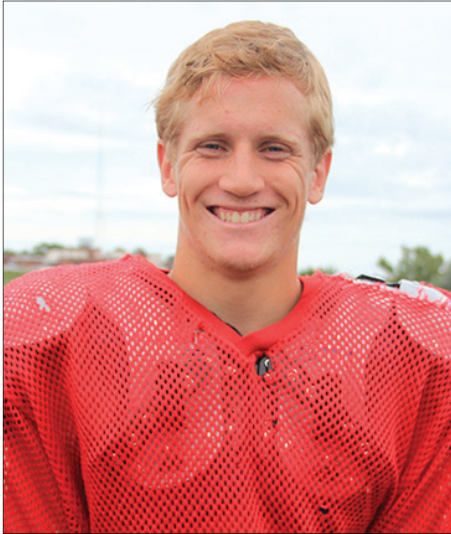


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Basketball team anticipates strong season behind seasoned squad

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When Ben McCollum took over the Northwest Missouri State men’s basketball program in 2009, he had the stiff challenge of turning around a struggling program. The last two Sweet 16 appearances the team made are evidence that his rebuilding project has officially been completed.

Last year, the Bearcats finished with the record of 25-7 overall and were the MIAA regular season champions. The season came to a heartbreaking end when Northwest lost 47-42 to Minnesota State University-Moorhead in the Sweet 16. Heading into the 2015 season, the Bearcats are using last year’s narrow defeat as motivation.

“I definitely think about it because you do not want to go out on a loss in the last game of the season,” senior guard Conner Crooker said. “I think it motivates a lot of us so we can do even better than last year and win a national championship, because that is the goal.”

The recent success the Bearcats have enjoyed over the years has thrust the team into the national spotlight. Coming into the 2015 season, Northwest has been picked to finish first in the MIAA and is ranked 14th in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II preseason poll. McCollum is pleased

with the attention his team has received, but he wants his players to know their overall success will be dictated by how they perform on the court.

“Last year, we were pretty hungry because people did not expect much of us and this year, they expect a lot more,” McCollum said. “Hopefully, our kids are even hungrier because of that. I think (the preseason poll) shows the respect they have for our program and what we’ve done in the past. Our guys need to understand that’s not a result. The preseason ranking is more of a prediction than a result and I think that’s the biggest thing that we’ll fight. It’s not teams gearing up for us, it’s not the bulls eye on your back, it’s your own expectations. We’ve got to make sure to fight that complacency and fight that result orientated approach.”

As the Bearcats prepare for the much anticipated season, they will have to find a way to replace graduating seniors Matt Wallace and Grant Cozad.

Wallace averaged 6.6 points-per-game last season, won the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year and led the team with 64 steals.

Cozad was a vital post-presence for Northwest underneath, averaging 11.5 ppg and leading the team with 4.7 rebounds per game.

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Freshman Chris-Ebou Ndow dunks during the Bearcat Basketball Bash Oct. 29. The Bearcats start their season at home Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Bearcat football fighting for first round bye in Division II playoffs

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After an emotional victory over Emporia State on senior night, the Bearcats will have to switch gears for an away contest against the Washburn Ichabods.

While Northwest has already secured the MIAA title and the No. 1 ranking in the country, the Bearcats still have something to play for this weekend.

If the Bearcats can get past Washburn unscathed, they will most likely secure a first-round bye in the NCAA Division II playoffs, as well as home field advantage throughout the postseason.

“This time of year, we have all been doing this a long time and it starts to grind on you a little bit,” head coach Adam Dorrel said. “Saturday’s huge. We can find a way to get a



win and get home field advantage and have a bye. In the playoffs, every team is good and we know that, but if we get beat, someone is going to have to come in here and do it. You can’t ask for anything more than that.”

After such a strong performance against the No. 2 team in the MIAA (Emporia St.) and with the playoffs coming up, it would be easy for the Bearcats to look past Washburn.

Dorrel said his team still has too much left to accomplish to look ahead.

“I’m confident that if we stay focused on the process that we will be ready to play Saturday,” Dorrel said. “I think we do a good job at the start of each week with goal setting. We have a goal board, and what’s awesome is that going into week 11, there is still so much left on that goal board that we can accomplish.”

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Student athletes lack healthcare

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In almost every sporting event, someone is bound to get injured. Injuries can range from sprains to broken bones and ligament tears for athletes competing. With the rise in injuries in almost every sport comes the question of health insurance.

Health insurance prices seem to be rising non-stop, making many people worry about paying the bills if they get hurt, especially for college athletes. College athletes are usually covered under their university’s health insurance policy.

Northwest’s health insurance policy only covers athletes that compete in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). These include the football, basketball, cross country and volleyball teamsters well as cheerleaders but does not include the Bearcat Steppers. The Bearcat Steppers are the dance team on Northwest’s campus and they receive a scholarship for performing

during games and halftime.

According to Mel Tjeerdsma, the athletic director for Northwest, the Steppers are simply a support group.

“They are a support group where, to a certain extent, we help finance them and provide coaches for them. As far them being a NCAA sport, they are not,” Tjeerdsma said.

Former stepper sophomore Addie McKee, was not able to access the health insurance policy.

“I believe sports not sponsored by the NCAA should still be covered by NW because I don’t care what people say, dance is a sport and we get injuries just like any other sports get,” McKee said.

Going into her freshman year of college, McKee was attending a summer practice for the Steppers when she popped her knee cap out of place and tore her retinaculum, an area where tendon groups from different muscles pass under one connective tissue band.

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